

I CLAIM:

1. A method for making an outsole having a tread member, said method comprising the steps of:

5 (a) preparing an abrasive-resistant blank sheet for the tread member;

(b) preparing a mold including lower and upper mold parts separably closed to each other, one of said lower and upper mold parts having a mold cavity and a cavity bottom formed in said mold cavity;

10 (c) laying said blank sheet on said cavity bottom in said mold cavity;

(d) introducing a molten foamable material into said mold cavity of said mold; and

15 (e) causing said molten foamable material and said blank sheet to undergo cross-linking and foaming reactions under heat and pressure,

20 wherein said abrasive-resistant blank sheet is made of a first ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer material, and said molten foamable material is made of a second ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer having the same color as and different physical properties from said first ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer.

25 2. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said blank sheet is configured as a flat sheet, said molten foamable material being metered at a temperature ranging from 80°C to 100°C into said mold cavity before said mold is closed.

3. The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said blank sheet includes a flat sheet which has a tread face and a joint face, and at least one flange protruding from said joint face, said molten foamable material being
5 injected into said mold cavity after said mold is closed.